

sensors **A** to be positioned on plates **6a**, **6b**, **6c** and **6d**, as shown. As discussed above, system **1** allows the robotic vehicle **R** to obtain and transmit data in harsh environments and weather conditions. The platform system **1** provides a water, dust and dirt resistant enclosure mechanism which protects the sensors and apparatus from damage while at the same time providing a mechanism by which individual apparatus/sensor(s), components of the apparatus/sensor(s) including all wiring can be easily accessed, maintained and repaired.

Please Replace Paragraph [0035] as follows:

[0035] Side portion 103a includes a side panel 103c, and side portion 103b includes a side panel 103d. Panels 103c and 103d are attached to their respective panels via screws S. Additionally, panels 103c and 103d may be hinged, utilizing quick release hinges, along the bottom edges (not shown) and fastened using known fastening apparatus. Side panels 103c and 103d, as shown in figure 5, also includes air flow apparatus 103e. Air flow apparatus 103e include filters, fans and vents to provide necessary air flow to prevent components and wiring from overheating (not shown).

Please Replace Paragraph [0040] as follows: